

# CES TIME LINE

1999: CES Starts operations

2008 – 2009: 3 Workers died on the job (2 at CES and 1 at PACES with 2 by H<sub>2</sub>S and 1 by explosion)

August 2009: Law Enforcement raid at CES

August 2010: Facility filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Protection

September 2010: Converted the a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy

May – November 2012: EPA Conducted Removal action at Port Arthur, PACES facility

July 2012: Owner indicted on 13 counts

May 2013: Owner pleaded guilty on 2 counts

March 15, 2014: Vandalism at the CES Facility resulting in release of chemicals to the environment (2 Tanker Trucks, 1 Vacuum Box, and 7 Roll-off Boxes stolen with materials believed to be dumped on-site within AST secondary containment or the ground)

March 21, 2014: EPA became involved in discussions with TCEQ concerning the site. Significant odors emanating from the site as a result of the spills

April 1, 2014: EPA/TCEQ visited site and had to back away due to the odors emanating from the site. Slight odors noticed off-site in residential areas

April 21, 2014: During this week, TCEQ had their ER Contractor secure the facility, place roll-off materials on plastic with plastic cover, enhance secondary containment with fill material, provide secondary containment around select areas of the maintenance building, operations building, and to restrict access to the Wayland St entrance to facility

March 21 – July 31: TCEQ has been taking the lead in dealing with the Trustee to see what actions they could take to address the site

June 17, 2014: Court approved and emergency motion for \$131,705 for Trustee to hire a cleanup contractor to address 1 vacuum box, 1 roll-off box, and materials dumped by vandals out of the 7 roll-off boxes stolen

Since March 21, 2014: TCEQ has indicated that it will likely be requesting EPA assistance to address this site but wanted to make sure that the Trustee does everything it possibly can before either EPA or TCEQ takes any further significant actions. TCEQ indicates that it plans to assist with \$500,000 worth of disposal and plans to contract with a disposal company through its contractor for disposal of some of the wastes on-site

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July 31, 2014: EPA obtains documents seized by the law enforcement raid in 2009 to use in the enforcement investigation

July 31, 2014: Release at the site, vandalism, response by EPA and TCEQ and City of Houston

July 2014: Cleanup of spill and post cleanup sampling, construction of dyke

August 2014: EPA mobilizes to the site to begin to address the issues associated with the site

Nov. 5-6 2014: Community Interviews/Site visit by Community Involvement Coordinator

Nov 19-20, 2014: Texas State Health Department and EPA Community Involvement Coordinators visit 150 homes leaving information and speaking with residents. Also left information about contacts and our upcoming meeting

Sept, Oct, Nov. 2014: As of Nov. 21, 2014, the EPA completed the following actions:

- 9 of 11 vacuum/roll-off boxes transferred and/or disposed (2 were disposed of by the Trustee);
- 3 of 11 frac tanks disposed;
- 3 of 22 ASTs disposed (chemicals removed from 3 AST secondary containments);
- 2 of 2 tanker trailers disposed;
- storm water managed to reduce off-site drainage;
- lab chemicals consolidated/ disposed by Trustee;
- old chemical products removed and disposed from the Wayland Warehouse by Trustee;
- debris from stolen roll offs removed and disposed of by Trustee.

Dec. 11, 2014: Open House/ Information Session scheduled from 5-7 at Palm Center Courthouse Annex